GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Prohibition and Excise — Toddy Policy guidelines for the period 2022-2027 – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (EXCISE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.693 **Dated: 31.10.2022**
Read the following:

1) G.O.Ms.No.1228, Rev (Ex-II) Dept., dt:09.09.2007.
2) G.O.Ms.No.7, LFB&IMS (Lab-I) Dept., dated:27.06.2021 (YSR Bhima).
3) From the CPE Letter Cr.No.4183/2022/CPE/F1, Dated 19.09.2022.
4) Govt. Memo No. REV-31022/21/2017-EXCISE, Dated:30.09.2022.
5) From the CPE, AP CR.No.4183/2022/CPE/F1, Dated:17.10.2022 and 20.10.2022.

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ORDER:

The Government by an avowed policy is committed to reduction in the consumption levels of alcohol in the State with a view to improve the physical standards of its people. Several proactive steps have been taken in this direction and notable among them are removal of 43,000 belt shops, reduction in the number of liquor retail outlets from 4380 to 2934, dispensing with permit room, a facility to consume liquor right by the side of the liquor shop, reduction in business hours, removal of private persons from liquor retailing by shop, grant of exclusive privilege of retailing in liquor by shop to A.P. State Beverages Corporation Limited, enhancement of punishments for Excise offences etc.

2. The Government is equally concerned about the welfare of the Toddy Tappers who pursue very hard and hazardous profession of Toddy tapping. At present there are 4138 Toddy shops spread all over the State benefitting 95245 Toddy Tapper families in eking out livelihood.

3. Keeping in view the avowed policy of the Government and support to the Toddy Tapper families, the following Toddy Policy guidelines are issued for 2022-27, which inter alia include doubling the amount of compensation/ ex-gratia paid on death of a toddy tapper from Rs.5 Lakhs to Rs.10 Lakhs. The Government has after considering all the facts committed for ensuring support for livelihood activities by providing alternate skill development in consonance with Government's welfare policies. Additional support in the form of bund plantations etc., under NREGA and shelter Bed Development is also envisaged as a policy feature.

4. The following Toddy Policy for the period 2022-2027 will be published in an Extra-ordinary Issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, dated the 31st day of October, 2022.

TODDY POLICY GUIDELINES FOR THE PERIOD 2022-2027

i. Grant of right to sell Toddy:-

The policy of granting right to sell toddy to Tappers Co-operative Society and Tree For Tappers and to the Scheduled Tribes in the scheduled areas shall be continued.

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ii. License period:-

The license period under the Toddy policy for 2022-27 shall be five (5) years ending on 30.09.2027.

iii. Fixation of Toddy shops:-

The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise is permitted to fix the number of toddy shops having due regard to requirement, public order, etc., and availability of excise trees in topes within 100 KMs from the area of the shop.

iv. Toddy rentals:-

The collection of toddy rentals, which is @ Rs. 25/- per tree in the Rural areas and Rs. 50/- per tree in the urban areas per annum shall continue to be abolished to provide succor to the poor tappers who pursue a very hazardous and seasonal occupation.

v. Disability and death:-

a) The Government is concerned with alternate skill development for the disabled tappers, who sustained disability while engaged in tapping, and accordingly alternate skill development shall be worked out through Skill Development Corporation so as to provide an alternate income source to such disabled tappers.

b) Besides, the permanently disabled tapper who has become disabled while engaged in tapping shall be extended the benefits under 'YSR Bhima' as per G.O.Ms.No.7, Labour factories Boilers & IMS (LAB-I) Dept. dt: 27.06.2021.

c) It is decided to pay double the amount of earlier compensation i.e. Rs.10.00 Lakhs to the next kin of the deceased tapper, who died accidentally while engaged in tapping. Out of the Rs. 10 Lakhs compensation amount, the victim's family shall be paid Rs.5 Lakhs by the Labour Department as per G.O.Ms.No.7, Labour factories Boilers & IMS (LAB-I) Dept. dt: 27.06.2021 and the balance Rs.5 Lakhs shall be paid in the form of ex-gratia by the State Government. The scheme may be named as 'YSR Geetakarmika Bharosa'.

d) In the case of natural death, the legal heir of the deceased tapper shall be extended the benefits under 'YSR Bhima' as per G.O.Ms.No.7, Labour factories Boilers & IMS (LAB-I) Dept. dt: 27.06.2021.

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Neera policy will be issued separately.

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vii. Winding up of TCS:-

If a TCS is legally wound up, licenses under TFT may be considered in its place and vice versa.

viii. Administration of TCS:-

To facilitate smooth administration of TCS and its operations each of the society members may contribute Rs.100 per annum to the society.

ix. Others:-

a. The Government is committed to extend support under NREGA and Shelter Bed Development Programme for extensive bund plantation on all the bunds of tanks, sea shore, project areas, rivers and canals with excise trees to provide livelihood security to the tapper community.

b. District Collectors are directed to protect all waste lands, borrow areas of projects and fore shore areas of irrigation projects by taking up excise tree plantation and protect excise trees topes by preventing unauthorized / illegal felling.

2. The Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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